

RSA Proposal Outline

*Please note that proposals should be limited to 10 pages excluding supporting documents such as resumes, letters of intent from vessels, and any relevant contracts.

Project Title:

Principle Investigator (PI):

List PI and any Co-PIs involved in project. Cannot include NOAA staff as a Co-PI.

Project Summary:

Provide a summary of the work to be performed. It is also helpful to state up front the total DAS requested and the total funds requested as provided in the budget.

Project Narrative:

Each proposal must contain a narrative project description to include project goals and objectives. Funding objectives should be simple and understandable; as specific and quantitative as possible; clear as to the "what and when," but avoiding the "how and why;" and attainable within the time, funding, and resources available. Proposals should be accomplishment oriented and identify specific performance measures, and describe how investigators foresee research results being used in the management arena to enhance the understanding of the monkfish resource or contributing to the body of information on which management decisions are made (see Section I.B.). The main body of the narrative should be a clear statement of the work to be undertaken and include: (1) Project design and management, including who is responsible, expected products, and participants other than applicant; (2) project duration (starting on the first day of the month and ending on the last day of the month); (3) names and affiliations of the principal investigator(s) (PI); (4) contribution and relevance of the proposed work; and (5) a summary of the existing state of knowledge related to the project.

Description of funding resources and funding needs:

This element of the proposal must include the number of research DAS requested, the expected funds to be generated from the fish harvested while under a research DAS, as well as the expected funds to be allocated to the researcher and any involved fishing vessel.

Budget:

All proposals must include a detailed budget that includes a breakdown of research costs, including labor, vessel, permit, equipment, supplies, and overhead, as applicable.

List of Federal Regulatory Exemptions:

Each proposal must contain a list of any Federal regulations that the applicant needs to have waived and a brief justification for such a waiver. NOAA may not exempt the vessel from any requirement imposed by any state. Therefore, applicants are urged to discuss with state fisheries agencies any proposed landings in their state(s), and must request separately exemptions from state regulations as required by the state(s). NOAA cannot guarantee that state agencies will accede to any particular exemption request.

Supporting Documents:

These documents can be attached as an appendix to the proposal, but please refer to that appendix in this section of the proposal. Supporting documents include resumes, curriculum vitae (CVs), letters of intent for vessels to participate in research activities, and any relevant contracts.

RSA Activities:

Each proposal must identify the RSA activities for the vessel(s) participating in the research project. All vessel(s) selected by the applicant must be listed in the proposal, if possible, or specifically identified prior to final approval by NOAA. Proposals may request that the DAS set-aside be used for compensation trips. The separate compensation trips do not necessarily have to be conducted by the same vessel. In general, compensation (in terms of the value of fish landed) should not exceed 2.5 times the cost of the associated research. You should also provide detailed information on the industry participants in this section (if known) such as owner name, vessel name, and Federal permit number.

Breakdown of funds required:

The proposal must state the amount of funds required to support the research project, including any costs for participation by project scientists or consultants, and the amount required to compensate the vessel owner for participation in the research project

Research Agreement:

The proposal should also include the agreement between the applicant and the participating vessel operators demonstrating exactly how the research activity will be funded, if possible, or such agreement must be provided prior to final approval by NOAA. Proposals that employ multiple vessels to utilize the DAS set-aside should provide a description of the safeguards that will be used to ensure that the DAS set-aside will not be exceeded.